



AB 1773 – California Boardwalk Safety Act

Background

AB 1773 will allow local authorities to regulate the use of bicycles and electric bicycles (E-Bikes) on public boardwalks.

Existing California law allows local governments to regulate the use of bicycles and E-Bikes on public sidewalks.

Problem Being Addressed

The increasing popularity of electric bicycles (E-Bikes) poses a public safety concern for many communities, with unlicensed E-Bike operators legally allowed to reach a maximum assisted speed of 28 miles per hour.

This is a concern when public boardwalks are often a gathering place for pedestrians. According to a report from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, E-Bike crashes were three times more likely to involve a pedestrian in an accident.

According to the California Highway Patrol, E-Bike crash injuries are typically more severe than conventional bicycle crashes.

California Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System reported a total of 9,613 bicycle-involved crashes and 183 bicycle fatalities in 2022.

Which code section is affected?

This bill would amend section 21100 of the Vehicle Code.

Summary

AB 1773 ensures that local governments are able to regulate the safety of public boardwalks, by authorizing the management of bicycle and electric bicycles (E-Bikes).

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